

**SAGUACHE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR SESSION MEETING**  
**9:00 A.M. TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2014**

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Joseph at 9:03 a.m., with the following members present:

Linda Joseph, Chair  
Ken Anderson, Co-Vice Chair  
Jason Anderson, Co-Vice Chair  
Wendi Maez, Co-Administrator  
Ben Gibbons, County Attorney  
Staci Burkhardt, Acting Secretary to the Board

**II. EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION**

No Employee Anniversaries this month

**III. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA**

1. Tourism Board update will be under Commissioners Report time.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED  
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**IV. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 11, 2014**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 2014 AS AMENDED**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**V. REVIEW OF MAIL AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE**

1. **Rio Grande Water Conservation District** sent the Board of Directors meeting agenda for April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 located at the Bureau of Reclamation Building in Alamosa. (3/24/14)
2. **Kate Vasha** sent an email in regards to a support letter for the Saguache National Historic District and a note regarding the Crestone Telecom. (3/24/14)

3. **Daniel Johnson** sent the February 2014 Saguache County Fire Mitigation Program Report. (3/10/14)
4. **Rio Grande Water Conservation District** sent the March 2014 Ground Water Table Measurements. (3/14/14)
5. **US Dept. of Interior** sent a letter in regards to BLM announcing the Landscape Assessment and Solar Regional Mitigation Strategy development. (3/11/14)
6. **Bea Ferrigno** sent an email in regards to Basin Implementation Plan Outreach Events. (3/14/14)
7. **Winding Stair Resources** sent a certified letter in regards to Notice of Intent to conduct prospecting Sal-Cal Project: Laughlin Gulch and Boland Canyon in Saguache County. (3/19/14)
8. **Blue Peaks Development Services** sent a letter in regards to a Public Forum on March 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00p.m. (3/17/14) Emailed

## **VI. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Matie B Lakish – Eagle	Michael Spearman – CSU Extension	Marvin Reynolds – CSU Extension
Amy Henschen – CSU Extension	Jeri Trujillo – CSU Extension	Mary Ellen Fleming – CSU Extension
Doug Kissler – Affiniti	Lucky Ford – rancher	John Judson – rancher
Tod Lindtveit – CTSI	Monroe Johnson – Century Link	Shane Cox – rancher

## **VII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None at this time

## **VIII. COMMISSIONERS REPORT**

### **Commissioner Joseph:**

1. March 11 - Attended the interview and evaluation session for the State Emergency Medical & Trauma Advisory Council grant applications from our Region. An ambulance for Alamosa, significant equipment for the Valley hospitals, and extrication equipment were among the requests for the southern Valley. In Saguache County, Emergency Manager Jim Felmler is applying for continued support to all three ambulance services to continue their resident EMT program. Northern Saguache also applied for a DVD training program for EMTs.
2. March 12 - Attended a meeting of the Poncha Pass Working Group members and Agencies involved in the upcoming transplant and monitoring of Gunnison Sage Grouse.
3. Attended the Tourism Council meeting in Saguache. Tess Beneduce, VISTA, will attend meetings this year while she's here, and serving as Secretary. Both the Towns of Saguache and Crestone have submitted a letter of interest to apply for a Creative District grant from the State. Saguache was declined this round, but heartily encouraged to re-apply. Awaiting news of Crestone's response. Worked with Mark Talbot re: assisting/training Amber Wilson and Staci Burkhart in making needed changes to County website sidebars. And, discussed development of the scope of work for the revamping of the County's main website. Heard from Kyle Grote that USDA delayed their decision on the Value Added Producer grant Chokurei Ranch is seeking. They had questions about the educational component, and scheduled a site visit for further discussion. The next meeting of the Tourism Council will be April 17, in Moffat.
4. March 18 - Attended the Commissioners Work Session

5. March 23 - Attended the Democratic Party Assembly.
6. March 24 - Attended the monthly tele-meeting of the SLV Public Health Partnership, discussing the Environmental Health Program components in development. Representatives of our Partnership will be meeting with members of the West Central Partnership and Robert Wood Johnson Learning Community program for a summit in Gunnison next Monday.
7. Coordinated compilation and revisions of the Eye on the County for April, with updates on the Emergency Food Bank hours, Town of Bonanza status and Crestone Assessment Appeals Settlement.
8. Mark Talbot will be attending the Economic Analysis meeting in Alamosa today for Tourism Board.

**Commissioner Ken Anderson:**

1. 3/17 – Attended DRG meeting in Alamosa, discussion topics included loans that were out to different businesses.
2. 3/18 – Attended Commissioner’s Work Session
3. 3/20 – Attended Seniors meeting in Alamosa, discussion topics included the grants applied for.
4. 3/23 – Attended Democratic Assembly
5. Received a phone call from Farmers Service Association in regards to the offices being shut down.

**Commissioner Jason Anderson:**

1. 3/13 – Met with Akia Tanara, Crestone Town Manager, discussion centered around new bridges in Town and illegal camping on Public Lands.
2. 3/17- Attended office hours at the County Courthouse.
3. 3/18- Attended the Commissioner’s Work Session
4. 3/19- Corresponded Via video-chat with Deborah Cox at NACO about a proposal to group PILT and SRS with the Land and Water Conservation Fund with the idea of making the package permanent. LWCF is funded through offshore gas and oil revenues and has picked up support from western lawmakers if PILT and SRS are added to the funding stream.
5. 3/20-21 - Attended the CCI Steering Committee meetings. Points of note included:
  - HB 14-1328** Connect Colorado Broadband Act
  - The High Cost Support Mechanism (HCSM) reimburses telecommunications services providers for some of the costs of providing telephone service to rural areas. The bill adds broadband service in unserved areas services that are reimbursable under the HCMS.
  - HCR 14-1001** - Permanently modifies the composition of the State House of Representatives so that it consists of one district per county in the state.
  - State of Colorado is developing a Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan funded by Parks and Wildlife.
  - Update on the State Water Plan
  - Report on the Colorado Economy and State Budget.
  - Introduction to the Colorado Department of Human Services Community Performance Center.
  - Presentation by the Forrest Service on the Government-Private Forest Stewardship Program. This allows private business more direct access to forest lands to remove products (beetle-kill) and helps to establish infrastructure to utilize the products for use.
6. 3/23 - Attended the Democratic Assembly
7. 3/24 - Attended office hours at the County Courthouse

**BREAK**

**IX. CO-ADMINISTRATOR REPORT- WENDI MAEZ & LYN LAMBERT**

1. Kate Vasha, Mayor for Town of Saguache has requested a letter of support for the Town's application to have 4<sup>th</sup> Street business area named a National Historic District.
2. Pam Jones, representative to the SLV CAA represents the low income people for Saguache County, Pam is moving but we would like to keep her on the board as a representative for Saguache County because it is hard to get people to volunteer for this board.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JOSEPH TO APPROVE THE INTEROM APPOINTMENT OF PAM JONES AS REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SLV CAA**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

3. Commissioner Joseph signed the letter on March 11, 2014 to appoint Lyn Lambert as the designated signing authority for all EMPG (Emergency Management Program Grant) grant related documents for EMPG funding.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JOSEPH TO APPOINT LYN LAMBERT AS THE DESIGNATED SIGNING AUTHORITY FOR ALL EMPG (EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM GRANT) GRANT RELATED DOCUMENTS FOR EMPG FUNDING**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

4. In spring of 2013 a grant was awarded to Julia Hammel for the Dance Factory in the amount of \$6,000 to provide activities for kids and teens during the summer of 2013. A report for the grant was due December 31, 2013 and we have not received the report at this time. A letter was written to Ms. Hammel February 20, 2014 with no response. Ms. Hammel was informed that she may be required to return all of the money granted from Saguache County. BoCC discussion and will re-address at another meeting.
5. Public Health may need a transfer of funds by the end of day.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO APPROVE A TRANSFER FROM SAGUACHE COUNTY GENERAL FUND TO PUBLIC HEALTH FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000.00**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

6. Rachel Doyle with Alamosa County invited the BoCC to attend a DOLA Planning 101 Refresher course June 11, 2014.

**X. SLV EXTENSION – MARV REYNOLDS**

1. Traditional 4-H members have completed a number of community service projects including a petting zoo in Center and making valentines for local veterans.
2. Implemented an after school programs at Mountain Valley and Center Schools, more than 50 youth have participated.

3. Created a pilot robotics program reaching 11 youth so far.
4. Saguache County members have attended national, state, and regional 4-H camps and conferences this year.
5. Saguache County 4-Hers serve on local, regional and state youth leadership teams.
6. Saguache County 4-Hers have participated in valley-wide workshops to help them develop important life skills.
7. There are two active 4-H clubs in Saguache County. Members compete in the SLV Fair in August.
8. FCS programs in Saguache County the last 6 months:
  - Trained Certified Nurse Assistants in Nutrition
  - Food Safety Training
  - Stress Management Class
  - Nutrition Class
9. Southern Rocky Mountain Ag Conference was held. There were many producers from Saguache County who raise potatoes, grain and alfalfa, and many people who have wells or ditch water rights also attended.
10. Presented the "Nutrition News" letter which included topics such as; Food Guidance System and Food Pyramid, Servings, Sample Menus, Dietary Guidelines, Fitness Focus, and Senior Resource.
11. New Advisory Board, the 9 members are from throughout the Valley. Advising to spend more time in schools and more unconventional projects like the robotics. Discussion on funds and asked the BoCC to consider.

**XI. LAND USE ADMINISTRATOR- WENDI MAEZ**

1. Bid received from Wayne and Chery Martin for Mineral Hot Springs Estates Lot 20B1 and 20B2. The bid was for \$250.00 for both lots, BoCC advised Maez to inform Wayne and Chery Martin minimum bid is \$250.00 per lot.
2. Bid received from Agnes Kay Syring for Lazy KV Estates Lot 2C Block R.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE BID FROM AGNES KAY SYRING, LAZY KV ESTATES LOT 2C BLOCK R FOR \$250.00**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

3. Diamond Way requested a modification to their Conditional Use with the 60 day adjoining landowner notification of work being done be changed to a 45 day notification.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE MINOR MODIFICATION TO THE CONDITONAL USE FOR DIAMOND WAY AND THE 60 DAY CONSTRUCTION NOTIFICATION TO ADJOINING LANDOWNERS BE A 45 DAY CONSTRUCTION NOTIFICATION**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

4. Solar Reserve deferment request answer. BoCC advised Maez to inform Adam Green with Solar Reserve the requirements the BoCC has for the deferment.

**XII. COUNTY ATTORNEY- BEN GIBBONS**

1. MOU for the Cutthroat Trout reviewed and signed.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO APPROVE SAGUACHE COUNTY ENTERING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE CUTTHROAT TROUT SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

2. Secretary of States' Office did grant an extension on the Town of Bonanza until September 1, 2014. Commissioner Joseph will draft a letter to notify the people requesting it.
3. Requested guidance from the BoCC on a Resolution to authorize Randy Arredondo to be able to sign certain documents or grants.

**XIII. EAGLE NET COMMUNICATIONS – DOUG KESSLER**

1. Eagle Net is now in partnership with Affiniti.
2. Presented an informal proposal showing cost for Court house, both Public Health locations, Sheriff's Office, and Road & Bridge. Discussion on Department of Social Services not included in proposal.
3. Estimated pricing is based on a 36 month contract.
4. Mr. Kessler described the process of installation, and the advantages of fiber.

**LUNCH**

**XIV. ROAD & BRIDGE SUPERVISOR – RANDAL ARREDONDO**

1. Residents of the Cochetope area were concerned with the loss of a full time Road & Bridge employee living in the area. Were informed by BoCC and Arredondo that an employee will be commuting back and forth until a new home can be put in, then a full time employee will be living up there again. The residents also informed the BoCC of an issue of stolen mail and packages and requested seeing a Sheriff Deputy occasionally.
2. Arredondo requested a line item adjustment to his budget for purchase of a new home for the Cochetope full time employee and a filtration system for the wash rack. Still researching prices on homes and getting proposals in for filtration system. Discussion on new home and well needed. BoCC okay with line item change.
3. Discussion on the Leach Airport fuel system. Arredondo reported that Road & Bridge is working on getting the wind sock back up.
4. Arredondo reported the new Sheriff's Office car is in.
5. Discussion on Arredondo signing contracts on the BoCC behalf.
6. Landfills' new EDOP should be ready by end of month.
7. Discussion on a new gate on the road off of County Road 10xx.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO CONVENE AS SAGUACHE  
COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES AT 1:45 P.M.  
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON  
VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0  
MOTION CARRIED**

**XV. DIRECTOR SOCIAL SERVICES- JEANNIE NORRIS**

1. There were 36 TANF cases during the month of February, which represents a decrease of 4 cases. Food assistance rose again from 675 cases to the February total of 689. There were 17 aid-to-the-needy-disabled cases, and 101 old-age pension cases.
2. The Child and Adult Protection Unit had 11 child protection referrals during February, 8 of which were accepted for investigation. The Department has 6 dependency and neglect court cases, 6 children in placement, and 32 open child protection cases. Adult protection has 3 ongoing cases, with no new referrals.
3. The LEAP (Low-income Energy Assistance Program) season is winding down, and Saguache County has paid \$334,845.29 in benefits to 457 households. Jan Garduno, LEAP Technician for 11 years, will be retiring after the program is ended. She has agreed to come back and train a replacement prior to the next season.
4. TEFAP commodities were distributed in Saguache on February 21 to 66 recipients, and on February 25 in Center to 81 households. Supplemental foods were delivered from Care and Share, and were distributed to 134 households in Saguache and Center. The Saguache Emergency Food Bank served 61 persons in February.
5. CSFP Senior Commodity active list includes 8 clients from Crestone/Moffat, 13 from Saguache and 49 from the Center area. The waiting list includes 13 from Crestone/Moffat, 27 from Saguache and 37 from the Center community. These program commodities were distributed on February 28 to 49 recipients in Center, and 21 in Saguache.
6. SLV Directors met with Charissa Hammer from the State Audit Division, and Judy Rodriguez from CDHS Child Welfare Division to consider new Colorado Practice Model initiatives and funding requirements attached to compliance with the programs and their outcomes. SLV directors have agreed to enter new programs as a group in order to be mutually supportive of each other.
7. Pam Jones, IV-D Legal Tech, is leaving DSS to move to Walsenburg. We have welcomed Annette Archuleta to fill the position. She is currently completing the online portion of her training, and will begin to assume a caseload under the supervision of MaryAnn Martinez.
8. The Haskin Building stucco project can be completed now that we have warmer weather. Other necessary repairs include the boiler room roof at DSS building in Saguache, which completely collapsed in two places. We can cover the roof and south entrance by continuing the matching metal roofing with Spanish tile pattern. Presented bids to BoCC, BoCC would like to do a sight visit of boiler room before decision will be made.
9. Health Care Policy and Financing representatives are currently visiting our Department to "brainstorm" with our medical benefit technicians about how cases are processed, and how they could be processed in the with document scanning. We will have the capability to receive documents from any remote device and share the availability of those documents between departments within the agency.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO ADJOURN AS SAGUACHE COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES AT 2:13 P.M.**  
**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON**  
**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3** **VOTES AGAINST: 0**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO CONVENE AS SAGUACHE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY AT 2:13 P.M.**  
**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON**  
**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3** **VOTES AGAINST: 0**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**XVI. HOUSING AUTHORITY – EVAN SAMORA**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JOSEPH TO ADJOURN AS SAGUACHE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY AT 2:31 P.M.**  
**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON**  
**VOTES IN FAVOR: 2** **VOTES AGAINST: 0**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**BREAK**

**XVII. CTSI LOSS ANALYSIS – TED LINVIT**

1. Presented Colorado Counties Casualty Property Pool Loss Ratio Report and the County Workers Compensation Pool Loss Ratio Report. Includes Frequency number of claims, Severity money of claims, and average cost per claim.
2. Went into detail of those reports for the years 2009 – 2013.
3. There are 52 Counties in the Pool.

**XVIII. CENTURYLINK – MONROE JOHNSON**

1. Reported really slow speeds on DSL in Saguache and surrounding areas, upgrading will take 30-60 days.
2. Been working with WSB on evaluating what offices share the T1 and how many computers can be on a T1 and how to many computers sharing the T1 are slowing speeds down.
3. Explained how DSL is shared and over loaded and the different options available that doesn't require sharing.

**XIX. BILL PAYING**

**XX. ADJOURN**

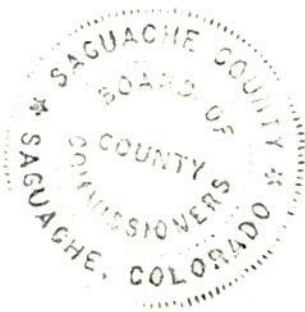
MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO ADJOURN AT 4:03 P. M.  
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON  
VOTES IN FAVOR: 3  
MOTION CARRIED

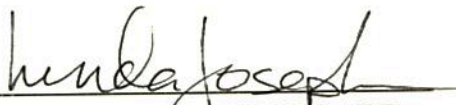
VOTES AGAINST: 0


RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

STACI BURKHART, ACTING SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES APPROVED APRIL 1ST, 2014



  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

  
ATTEST  
CLERK & RECORDER  
CARLA GOMEZ

  
COMMISSIONER

  
COMMISSIONER